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Carpenter Paper Company  
Kansas City Paper House Division  
Kansas City, Missouri

Gentlemen:

We had said so little about my 50th anniversary that I was really surprised by the goodness of my friends who made the office look like a floral establishment. The flowers from you attracted much favorable comment during the day.

In looking back over the years, one of my greatest thrills was over the arrival of the first shipment of job printing stock. We had been buying in small lots from local printers, and when I first saw piled up on a drygoods box a couple thousand letterheads, two or three thousand statements, and a few boxes of envelopes, I was far prouder then than I would be now if I owned a whole-sale house.

One thing I shall never forget is the friendly tip that was given me by the Kansas City Paper House in 1914. I had had queries out for quotations on paper for the coming year and in a telephone talk with your office, I was advised to close my contract immediately, although your company was not the low bidder. I acted upon the good advice and as a result bought paper for two years at a very reasonable price while prices were skyrocketing on the stock market.

Your institution has been a big and worthy one, and we wish you a pleasant holiday season and a satisfactory year to come.

Cordially yours,

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